Use of Unfit Surgical AIDS

2236. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the Hindustan Times dated 11th July, 2000 under the caption, "Unfit Surgical aids used deliberately"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. No surgical aids beyond the date of expiry are being used in Central Government Hospitals, namely Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Harding Medical College and Associate Hospitals.

It has also been informed by Government of NCT of Delhi that due care is being taken by the G.B. Pant Hospital to ensure that no consumable items and drugs beyond the date of expiry are used.

Supply of Sub-Standard Medicines in Hospitals

2237. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of sub-standard medicines being supplied in Government hospitals and CGHS dispensaries in Delhi have been brought to the notice of authorities;

(b) the number of such cases reported, detected and investigated during 1999 and 2000, upto June;

(c) the action taken against defaulting suppliers and erring officials;

(d) whether there is any Agency/Authority entrusted with the task of undertaking surprise checks about the medicines supplied to patients in hospitals and dispensaries; and

(e) if so, how many checks/raids were conducted during 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Disaster Report

2238. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the World Disaster Report released by the International Federation of Red Cross, as reported in the Statesman, on 3rd July, 2000;

(b) what is the response to the Report citing abandoning of preventive health care responsibility by Government as the reason for emergence of public health disasters; and

(c) whether it is a fact that in India Government spending in this regard has come down to a mere 0.7 per cent of the GDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To provide preventive, promotive and curative health care needs of the people, a comprehensive network of rural health infrastructure comprising 1,37,006 Sub-Centres, 23,179 Primary Health Centres, 2,913 Community Health Centers has been established throughout the country as on 31.12.1998.

Health is a State subject. However, Central Government has been making every effort to mobilise substantial resources from bilateral/multilateral agencies for intensifying the implementation of National Public Health Programmes namely, the control of HIV/AIDS, Malaria, T.B., Leprosy, Blindness and promotion of Reproductive and Child Health. Besides, for upgrading the rural hospitals in selected States, World Bank assistance has been availed of which would further improve delivery of health services.

(c) According to the World Disaster Report—2000, India spends